

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1271

Introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 13275 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1271, as introduced, Blakeslee. Irrigated agricultural waste discharges: monitoring.

Under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards are the principal state agencies with authority over matters relating to water quality. The act requires the state board and the regional boards to prescribe waste discharge requirements and authorizes those state agencies, under certain circumstances, to waive those requirements as to a specific discharge or type of discharge.

This bill would prohibit the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board from requiring a person who is subject to a conditional waiver for irrigated agricultural discharges to monitor those discharges more than once every two years if that regional board makes a specified determination.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13275 is added to the Water Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 13275. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
- 4 Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board shall not

1 require a person who is subject to a conditional waiver for
2 irrigated agricultural discharges to monitor those discharges more
3 than once every two years if that regional board determines that
4 the results of the most recent monitoring with regard to those
5 discharges establish that those discharges contain only a minimal
6 amount of waste.

7 (b) For the purposes of this section, “minimal amount of
8 waste” means ____.